

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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CINCPAC

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DACCA

USMISSION GENEVA

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, ATLANTA, GA

HQ PACAF

NAVCOMSTA DIEGO GARCIA

USS FOX

CLARK AFB (FOR USAF HOSPITAL)

NAVAL HOSPITAL, SUBIC BAY

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD; STATE FOR OFDA; GENEVA PASS TO UNDRO

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TAGS: SWEL, MV

SUBJ: CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES: GOVERNMENT  
OF MALDIVES (GOM) REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) COLOMBO 1625; (B) STATE 093311

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES (GOM) REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMBATting CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN MALDIVES. GOM MINISTER OF HEALTH 11 APRIL MADE FORMAL REQUEST THROUGH EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE, COMMANDER PAUL O. CUTCHEN, WHO WAS IN MALE. REQUEST IS FOR \$25,000 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PURCHASE OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT TO AFFECTED ATOLLS. WE WERE ALSO ASKED TO KEEP LINES OPEN FOR POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR US AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO MALE.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS DETERMINED THAT EPIDEMIC IS OF MAGNITUDE TO REQUIRE OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE AND THAT IT IS IN US INTEREST TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY DISASTER ASSISTANCE. AMBASSADOR HAS CONSEQUENTLY COMMITTED \$25,000 FROM INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND CHECK WAS DESPATCHED TO MALE 12 APRIL VIA UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

3. ACTIONS REQUESTED:

(A) FOR DEPARTMENT: THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE REQUIRED. WE MAY WISH TO RESPOND PROMPTLY. PLEASE ADVISE ON PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION TO COMMIT ADDITIONAL FUNDS IF NEEDED.

(B) FOR CINCPAC: EMBASSY APPRECIATES CINCPAC REPORTS ON AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE UPDATES SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND TO POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL GOM REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.  
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4. EMBASSY REQUESTED GOM APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE. PENDING APPROVAL, WE WILL DRAW ON IT TO ANSWER LOCAL QUERIES.

5. BEGIN TEXT: IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE  
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 12 PROVIDED \$25,000 TO THE MALDIVES TO ASSIST IN COMBATting THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC THERE. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO HELP PAY FOR NEEDED HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, MEDICINES, AND TRANSPORT FOR MEDICAL TEAMS TO AFFECTED ATOLLS.  
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